MEDIA ADVISORY: Governor Carney To Sign HB 174

Bill will strengthen penalties for illegal purchases of firearms

DOVER, Del. — On Wednesday, April 18, Governor Carney will sign House Bill 174, which strengthens penalties for illegal purchases of firearms, deterring "straw purchases" by making jail time more likely for the offender. This bill raises the first offense of purchasing or obtaining a firearm for someone not legally qualified to own, possess or purchase one from a Class F to a Class E Felony. Governor Carney will be available for media following the bill signing.

Signing of House Bill 174

WHAT: Governor Carney to sign HB 174, strengthening penalties for illegal purchases of firearms

WHO: Governor John Carney

Secretary Robert Coupe, Department of Safety & Homeland Security

Representative Larry Mitchell

Senator Harris McDowell

Senator Anthony Delcollo

Senator Brian Pettyjohn

Representative Ruth Briggs King

Representative Deb Heffernan

Representative Deborah Hudson

Representative Dave Wilson

Col. Nathaniel McQueen, Jr., Superintendent DSP

Sgt. Darren Lester, DSP

Chief William Bryson, Chairman, Delaware Police Chiefs Council Chief Jeffrey Horvath, Executive Director, Delaware Police Chiefs Council

Chief Laura Giles (Elsmere), Delaware Police Chiefs Council Chief John Horsman (Capitol), Delaware Police Chiefs Council Chief Marvin Mailey (Dover), Delaware Police Chiefs Council Lt. Fred Calhoun, State FOP President Representatives from Everytown for Gun Safety Representatives from the Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence

WHEN: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 12:45 p.m.

WHERE: Governor's Office Legislative Hall 411 Legislative Avenue Dover, DE 19901

This event will be livestreamed at: https://livestream.com/StateofDelaware/hb174